Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Daily once. I think it is in the forenoon.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Have they made any request to increase their salary or allowance?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Not to my knowledge.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know, whether they have at least two hours of work every day?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Even more.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Does the Government think that these allowances are proper in all cases?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: That is a wider question. It is a question of finance.

Mr. President: That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: We can understand what the needs of the people will be?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: In the opinion of the Government, it is quite satisfactory.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: They are allowed private practice, is it not?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Yes.

MANURE—FOWLER'S PROCESS

312. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state that the manure prepared by the Fowler's process is good for the various trees grown and cultivations that are conducted in the Central Farm?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: It is good for many crops cultivated at the Central Farm.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know, Sir, what is the quantity of manure that is purchased by the Central Farm?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I do not think they are purchasing much from the Laloor depot. I have just ordered to look into this matter, because I approached the municipality and requested them to reduce the rate. Now they have informed me that they are prepared to sell it at a reduced rate. I have asked the Director of Agriculture to instruct all the Inspectors to do propaganda work and at the same time report whether it is not possible to purchase the whole in a lot and utilise it for intensive cultivation.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: If the whole of the manure that is manufactured there is to be purchased by the Central Farm, I think probably the dumping ground will be transferred with the result that no transport charges need be borne. It was with a view to that that I put this question.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Is the manure good for paddy cultivation?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: It is.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Is it being distributed?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: It is. Not free.

WORK OF CONSTRUCTING BEE-HIVES—GIVING ON CONTRACT

313. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the work of constructing bee-hives (notified in Gazette dated 30th Thulam 1117, Rural Development Department, page 7) was given on contract;

(*b*) to whom; at what rate;

(*c*) the tender reduction offered by others who submitted tenders;

(*d*) whether the successful tenderer was allowed to take timber to his workshop to construct the hives;

(*e*) if answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative, whether that was contemplated in the tender notification?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) The supply of bee-hives was given on contract after inviting tenders.

(*b*) Mr. T. P. Rappai for Rs. 1—2—0 each hive.

(*c*) The tendered rates of others were as follows.—

(1) Mr. A. C. Francis Rs. 1—10—6.

(2) Cherpu Carpenters' Co-operative Society—Rs. 1—9—0 at their workshop and at the Centre—Rs. 1—10—6.

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(*d*) No.
(*e*) Vide answer to (*d*).

PARIYARAM COLLECTIVE FARMING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

314. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Pariyaram Collective Farming Co-operative Society has applied for any land for purpose of cultivation;
(*b*) whether the Society is put in possession of any land;
(*c*) if so, when?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:
(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) On 10th Thulam 1117.

C. K. VELAYUDHAN—FORMER EMPLOYEE IN THE CHERPU RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

315. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development or the Protector of the Depressed Classes in charge of the Rural Development Centre has taken or caused to be taken any statements from the employees of the Rural Development Centre, Cherpu, about a former employee Mr. C. K. Velayudhan;
(*b*) in which connection and for what purpose were those statements taken; the names of persons from whom such statements were taken;
(*c*) whether these statements have been forwarded to the Government, or whether any report based upon those statements has been sent from the Rural Development Department to the Government; copy of the report may be kindly placed on the Council table?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:
(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) In connection with the enquiry of Mr. Velayudhan's conduct. Abdu.
(*c*) The Minister has taken the statement and it is confidential.

EXPENSES INCURRED—POULTRY-KEEPING IN THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

316. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the expenses incurred during the first five months of 1117 for poultry-keeping in the Cherpu Rural Development Centre under the following heads.—
(1) Pay of poultry-keeper; (2) Pay of poultry-boy; (3) Purchase of live-stock; (4) Feeding charges; (5) Other charges;
(*b*) the total receipt during the first 5 months of 1117 out of the sale proceeds of Poultry?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

		Rs.	A.	P.
(*a*)	(1) Pay of poultry-keeper ..	Nil.		
	(2) Pay of poultry-boy ..	25—	0—	0
	(3) Purchase of live-stock ..	75—	0—	0
	(4) Feeding charges ..	129—	0—	3
	(5) Other charges ..	18—	4—	6

(*b*) Sale proceeds amounted to Rs. 19—12—10.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO RECRUIT COOLIES FOR ASSAM—PARTICULARS REGARDING

317. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether two officers have been appointed to recruit coolies to be sent to Assam;
(*b*) is it at the request of the Indian Government that they have been appointed;
(*c*) may I know whether in the sister State of Travancore such officers have been appointed; whether there are other States where such officers have been appointed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:
(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) The Government of India have approved the appointment of the staff and they will pay the cost.
(*c*) Arrangements have been made in Travancore also to recruit labourers for this work and it is understood that a staff has been appointed. It is not known whether other States have appointed a similar staff.

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